

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-3 and 5-20 are all the claims pending in the application. By this amendment, Applicants are amending claims 1, 5, 7, and 17.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-3 and 5-16 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because the Examiner suggests the word “member” should recite “seat.” Applicants are adopting the Examiner’s suggested amendment. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the claim objections.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-3 and 5-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants are adopting the Examiner’s suggested amendments on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Gillingham (U.S. 5,544,789).

Regarding independent claim 17, Gillingham does not disclose at least “wherein the fluid dispenser is actuated by radially deforming the elastically deformable sleeve to increase the pressure in the dispensing chamber, thereby closing the inlet valve and opening the outlet valve.”

The Examiner alleges that the bellows 21 disclose an elastically deformable sleeve. Even if this were considered to be an elastically deformable sleeve, the bellows 21 are compressed in a axial direction. Therefore, Gillingham does not disclose all of the features of independent claim 17.

Claims 18-20 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency from independent claim 17.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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